Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 17 Nov 2023 until 23:59 on Saturday 18 Nov 2023

Forecast Issued on Thursday 16 Nov 2023 at 14:04 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for dry and settled conditions on Friday then a change to strong winds, rain and mild weather on Saturday. High for generally mild and showery conditions for Sunday and Monday.

Headline for Friday 17 Nov 2023: Dry with long sunny spells. Cloud and winds increasing in evening.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 17 Nov 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** No Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Sunny	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
40%	40%	20%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%

Forecast for Friday 17 Nov 2023

Weather: Cloudy overnight and early morning in the south with a few showers, wintry on munro summits. These will soon die out to leave a dry day with long sunny spells developing. Clear spells and some fog patches in the evening but cloud and winds increasing later.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 90%, but 30% overnight and early morning in the south.

Low cloud and visibility: Mainly excellent visibility. Patchy cloud and fog above 600m in the south and patchy valley fog in the north will lift and breaking through the morning.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	13/16 SE	8/11 SE	6/8 SE	4/6 SE	6/9 SE	10/13 SE	15/19 SE	21/27 SE	26/34 SE
900	12/15 SE	8/11 SE	6/8 SE	4/6 SE	6/9 SE	10/13 SE	15/19 SE	20/25 SE	23/30 SE
600	8/11 SE	7/9 SE	5/7 SE	4/6 SE	4/7 SE	7/10 SE	11/15 SE	13/18 SE	16/24 SE
300	2/8 SE	3/7 E	2/6 E	2/4 E	3/7 SE	4/9 E	5/13 E	4/15 E	4/19 E
Glen	5/8 E	6/9 E	4/5 E	3/4 E	3/5 SE	6/9 E	8/14 E	9/17 E	9/19 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	0/-4	-0/-4	-0/-3	-0/-2	0/-3	0/-4	-0/-6	-1/-7	-1/-8
900	1/-4	0/-3	0/-3	0/-2	1/-2	1/-3	0/-5	-0/-6	-0/-7
600	3/-0	2/-0	2/-0	2/0	3/1	3/0	2/-2	2/-2	2/-3
300	3/2	3/1	2/1	2/0	4/3	4/2	2/0	2/0	3/1
Glen	7/5	7/5	6/5	5/4	8/7	7/6	6/4	6/4	7/4
Freezing Level*	1100m	1100m	1000m	1000m	1000m	1000m	900m	800m	800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Generally good hillwalking conditions but be prepared for some areas of snow or ice above 900m.

Forecast for Saturday 18 Nov 2023
Weather: Rain spreading east overnight, preceded briefly by snow above 900m before milder air arrives. Outbreaks of rain continuing through the day, heavy and perhaps thundery at times and accompanied by strong winds giving some difficult walking conditions.

Maximum wind: South or Southeast 40mph gusts 70mph early morning becoming Southwest 30mph gusts 50mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20%.

Low cloud and visibility: Poor visibility in rain with areas of cloud or fog above 500 or 600m but higher and more broken cloud eastern ranges such as Ben Wyvis.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 7C rising to 10C.
At 800m: Plus 1C rising to 6C.
Freezing level: 900m, rising above summits by morning.

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